IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A hair warming tool of sheet form <u>comprising</u>: having at least one heating part in the center thereof; and

a margin around said heating part, which is designed to wrap tied hair in said heating part and to be held in place to keep the wrapping state by fastening said margin by means of a fastening means such as an elastic band, a string or a wire,

wherein the heating part includes a heat generating material which contains iron powder and generates heat on contact with air, and

wherein the hair warming tool includes an outermost base sheet adapted to contact said tied hair when in the wrapping state, said outermost base sheet comprising a water resistant material, said outermost base sheet being non-removably attached to said hair warming tool and the margin includes a seal at an outer perimeter of the margin, and the margin further includes a portion between the seal and the heating part, the portion including a first sheet separated from the outermost base sheet by an air gap.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A hair warming tool according to claim 1, which has a plurality of heating parts in which said tied hair is wrappable, and the plurality of heating parts are separated from each other by at least one open space.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A hair treating method which comprises:

activating at least one heating part of a hair warming tool of sheet form including an outermost base sheet comprising a water resistant material, said heating part including a heat generating material, the hair warming tool including a seal, and a margin disposed between

the heating part and the seal, the margin including a first sheet separated from the outermost

base sheet by an air gap;

wrapping tied hair with said hair warming tool, the tool wrapped around the hair with

the outermost base sheet facing and contacting the hair while leaving at least a part of the hair

near roots unwrapped.

Claim 4 (Original): The hair treating method according to claim 3, which further

comprises applying a hair treatment preparation containing at least one oiliness compound to

the hair to be wrapped.

Claim 5 (Original): The hair treating method according to claim 4, wherein said hair

treatment preparation further contains an organic acid.

Claim 6 (Original): The hair treating method according to claim 3, which further

comprises applying a hair treatment preparation having a pH of 2 to 4.5 to the hair to be

wrapped.

Claim 7 (Original): The hair treating method according to claim 4, wherein said hair

treatment preparation has an emulsified state that is broken at 55 to 60°C.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The hair warmer according to Claim 1, wherein the

heating part includes a plurality of heating parts.

3

Application No. 10/082,343 Reply to Office Action of October 4, 2007

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A method for treating hair, comprising: obtaining a portion of hair;

activating a heat generating portion of a hair warmer;

wrapping the portion of hair in said hair warmer including an outermost base sheet comprising a water resistant material, the outermost base sheet facing and contacting the portion of hair as the portion of hair is wrapped with the hair warmer; and

applying an oiliness compound to the portion of hair before the wrapping,

providing a seal sealing a first sheet to the outermost sheet around a perimeter of the outermost sheet, and

providing an air gap between the first sheet and the outermost sheet in an area between the seal and the heat generating portion.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 11, wherein the oiliness compound has an emulsified state that is broken between about 55°C and about 60°C.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 11, wherein the oiliness compound includes an organic acid.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A method for treating hair, comprising: obtaining a portion of hair; activating a heat generating portion of a hair warmer;

wrapping the portion of hair in said hair warmer including an outermost base sheet comprising a water resistant material, the outermost base sheet facing and contacting the portion of hair as the portion of hair is wrapped with the hair warmer; and

applying a composition having a pH between about 2 and about 4.5 to the portion of hair before the wrapping.

providing a seal sealing the first sheet to the outermost sheet around a perimeter of the outermost sheet, and

providing an air gap between the first sheet and the outermost sheet in an area between the seal and the heat generating portion.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The hair warming tool according to Claim 1, wherein the heat generating material is a composition comprising approximately 40 to approximately 60% iron powder, approximately 1.0 to approximately 3.0% sodium chloride, approximately 1.0 to approximately 5.0% activated carbon, approximately 3.0 to approximately 5.0% a water-absorbent polymer, and approximately 3.0 to approximately 10.0% vermiculite.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The hair warming tool according to Claim 1, wherein the heat generating material is used in an amount of approximately 0.05 to approximately 0.3 g per cm² of the heating part.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The hair warming tool according to Claim 1, wherein a distance from an edge of the hair warming tool to the nearest heating part is approximately 3 to approximately 15 cm over a periphery of the hair warming tool.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The hair warming tool according to Claim 1, wherein the water resistant material includes at least one of a synthetic resin, paper, metal and a non-woven fabric.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The hair treating method according to Claim 3, wherein the water resistant material includes at least one of a synthetic resin, paper, metal and a non-woven fabric.

Claims 20-21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (New): The hair warming tool according to Claim 1, wherein the first sheet includes holes connecting the air gap in fluid communication with an area outside of the hair warming tool.

Claim 23 (New): The hair warming tool according to Claim 22, further comprising a second sheet disposed in direct contact with the first sheet and overlapping the first sheet.

Claim 24 (New): The hair warming tool according to Claim 23, wherein the margin is devoid of heat generating material.

Claim 25 (New): The hair warming tool according to Claim 24, wherein the first sheet is disposed on a first side of the at least one heating part, the outermost sheet is disposed on a second side of the at least one heat generating part, and the second side is opposite the first side such that the first sheet and outermost sheet sandwich the heat generating part.